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# Tennessee Tank Talk



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## Welcome!

Welcome to the 15th edition of Tennessee Tank Talk. Our goal is to provide you with information about upcoming rules and UST information that will be helpful for you. Let us know what you think of our newsletter by emailing us at [Tanks.UST@tn.gov](mailto:Tanks.UST@tn.gov). Send us your ideas or suggestions to help us continually improve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander R. Boyd".

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## UST Remediation Successes

### From Polluted to Prosperous

Have you ever wondered how preventing and cleaning petroleum releases impacts the lives of everyday Tennesseans? We've all heard the message and believe in the ideal "to make Tennessee a better place to live, work and play" and "preserving and conserving our natural environment and resources for future

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actionable meaning for each one of us?

The reuse and redevelopment of real estate, free of environmental risks, is one of those tangible ways the UST program impacts individual lives and local communities. Properties where it is safe to build, operate a business, reduce environmental financial liability and many times increase tax value. In turn, larger tax revenues support local

governments for years to come and have immeasurable value sustaining our local communities, both financially and socially. Such property improvements increase our level of community pride, value, and continued investment in where we live.

Maybe you've heard headlines like "Tanks to Towers" to describe the redevelopment of a convenience store in Nashville to a mixed-used development for apartments, retail, restaurant, and office space? Or maybe, the "Benzene to Beer Trail" where former convenience stores have been transformed, many retaining the former architecture of the old gasoline station, into local craft breweries and restaurants creating jobs and places to gather, enjoy music, relax, and have fun? All such good stories often don't make the headlines or aren't necessarily multi-million-dollar projects. Take a moment to see how rural economically distressed Clay County has transformed former gas stations and convenience stores into just what they needed. While the budgets were significantly lower than many "big-city" projects, view the storyboard and videos to see how their redevelopments were just as impactful and meaningful.

[Click here to view our Storyboard!](#)

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## Field Office Spotlight

### Chattanooga

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## New Rules Resources

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